



*Advanced European Network of E-infrastructures
for Astronomy with the SKA*



AENEAS Project Overview

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11-14 November 2019



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astronomical community
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- WP5: Data Access and Knowledge Creation
- WP6: User Services



Open Questions

Where will the SKA science archive data be hosted?

How will that data be transported from the sites to Europe?

How can we take optimal advantage of existing infrastructure?

What are the processing requirements and technologies to consider?

What interfaces, tools, and techniques will users need for analysis?

How do we setup and operate an international network of SRCs?



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Previous Meetings

- 28 February - 1 March 2017 - NWO HQ, The Hague, NL
- 18-20 October 2017 - IAA, Granada, ES
- 26-28 March 2018 - OCA, Nice, FR
- 8-10 October 2018 - INAF, Bologna, IT
- 5-7 March 2019 - U Man, Manchester, UK
- 11-14 November 2019 - Utrecht, NL



AENEAS results



Available through web site: www.aeneas2020.eu



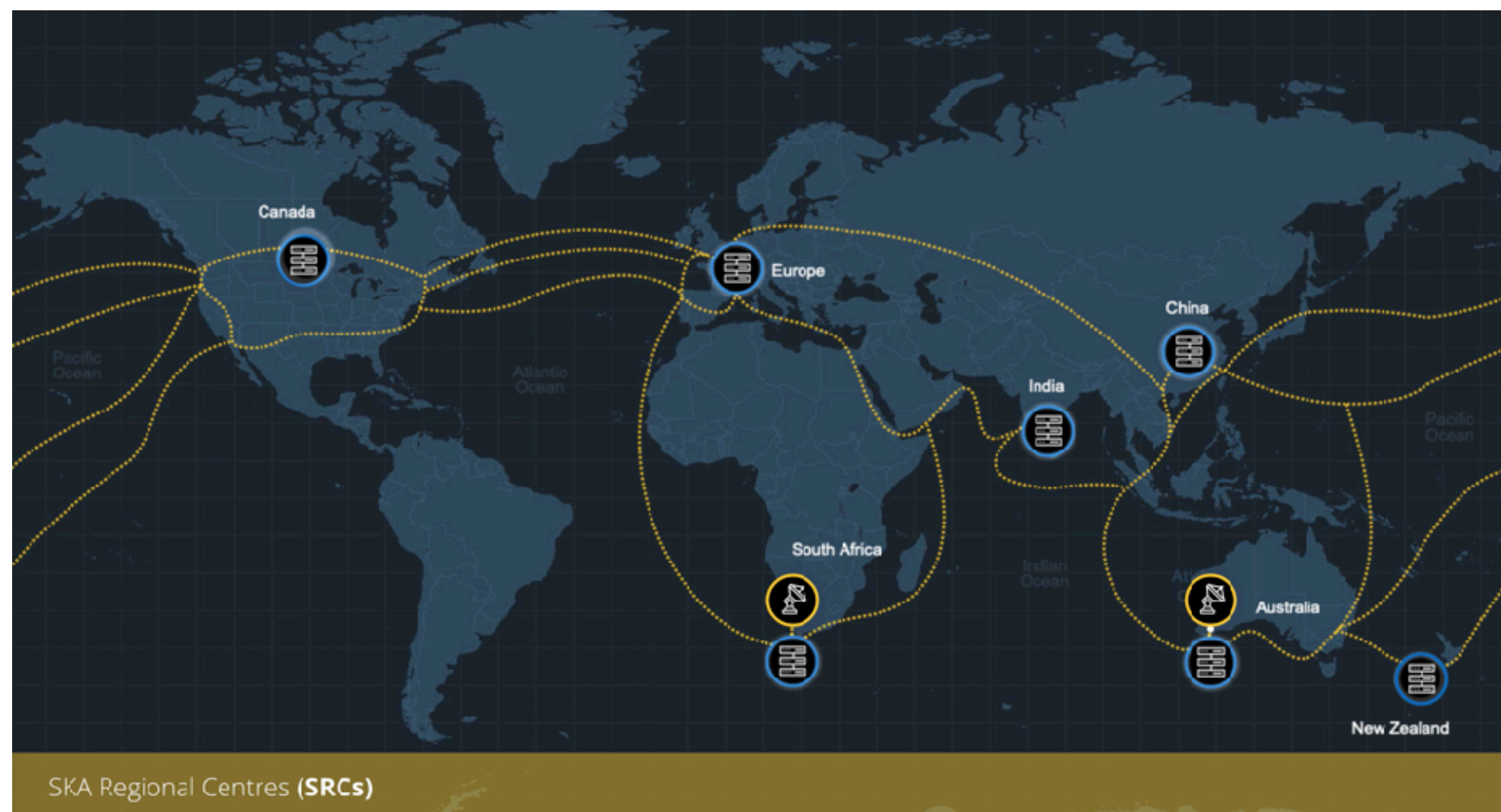
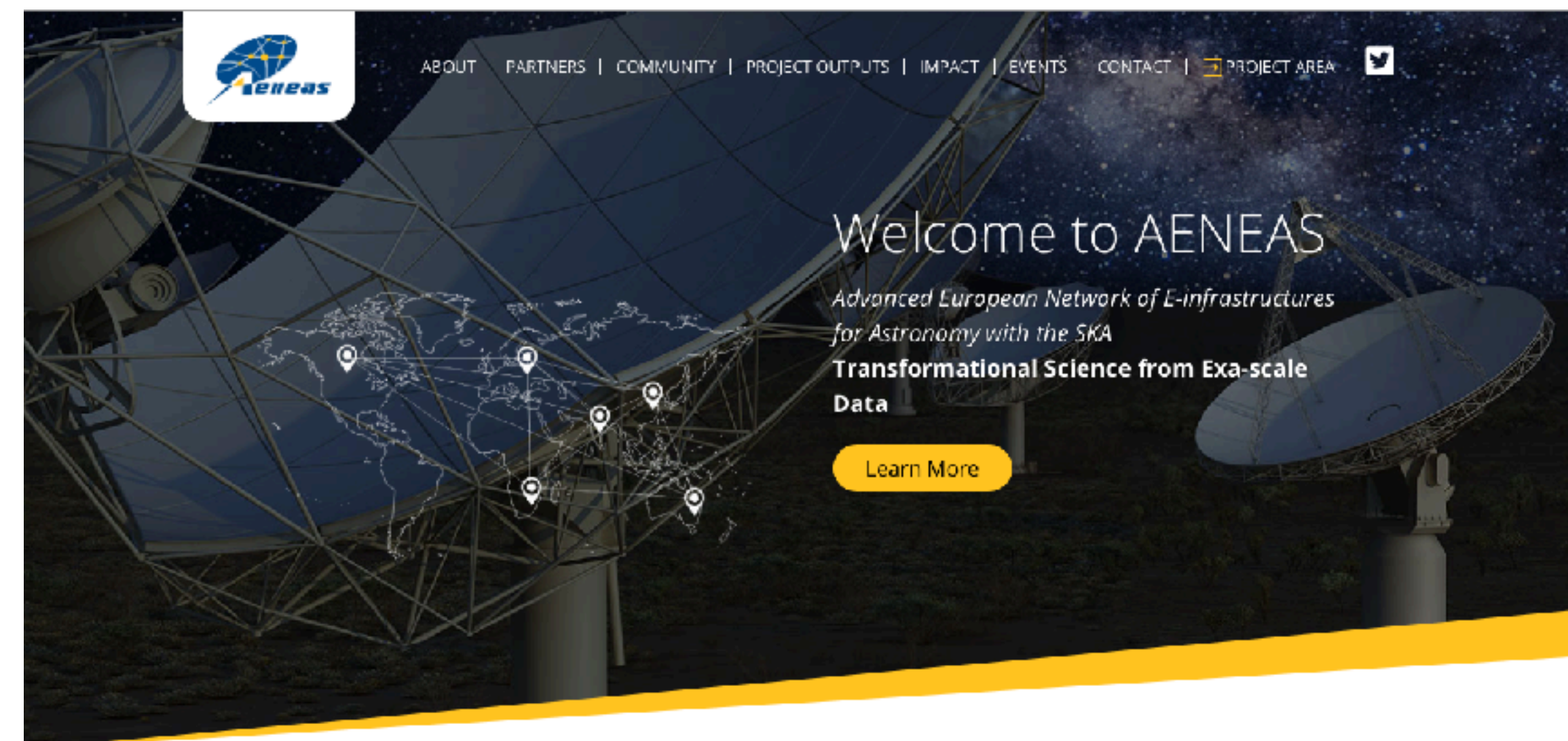
Key Project Findings



Deliverables & Milestones



Presentations



News & Announcements



A new treaty paves the way forward for the Square Kilometre Array
Mar 13, 2019 | News
Representatives from the founding member states of the Square Kilometre Array gathered in Rome yesterday to sign a treaty establishing the SKA Observatory as an intergovernmental organization that will oversee the delivery and operation of the world's largest radio...
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A step closer to a comprehensive design for the European SKA Regional Center
Mar 12, 2019 | News
The AENEAS team gathered at the University of Manchester last week for its 4th all-hands meeting. In addition to the usual project updates and presentations on regional center activities beyond Europe, much of the meeting was dedicated to focused discussions that...
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AENEAS and SKA collaborators convene in Manchester, UK
Feb 15, 2019 | News
The AENEAS team is convening in Manchester, UK for the 4th all-hands meeting on March 5-7. Along with the usual updates from team members, contributed talks by colleagues at the SKA office and partners from other SKA regional centers, the meeting will...
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Final Plenary Meeting

- Final Review 4 March 2020 in Luxembourg
- EC programme officer, AENEAS MT, and external reviewers
- Final Deliverables due by end of 2019
- Final Report due for Final Review
- SRC activities underway in all SKA Member Countries
- SKA Regional Centre Coordination Committee (RSCSC) active
- Planning for future collaboration

Goals for this Meeting

- Provide overview of SRC landscape - in Europe and beyond
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- Prepare for completion of project and final review
- Discuss future steps - technology, data challenges, governance
- Start planning for integration activity and implementation phase



WP3: Computing and Processing Requirements

Anna Scaife - Manchester University

Mark Ashdown - Cambridge University

Work package number	3		Lead beneficiary			UMAN
Work package title	Computing Requirements					
Participant number	1	2	3	4	5	7
Short name of participant	ASTRON	UMAN	UCAM	INAF	Chalmers	EGL.eu
Person/months per participant:	11	12	11	15	8	4
Participant number	9	11	12	13	20	21
Short name of participant	Jülich	STFC	CSIC	IT	EPFL	UNIGE
Person/months per participant:	9	6	3	6	3	3

Data Storage Requirements

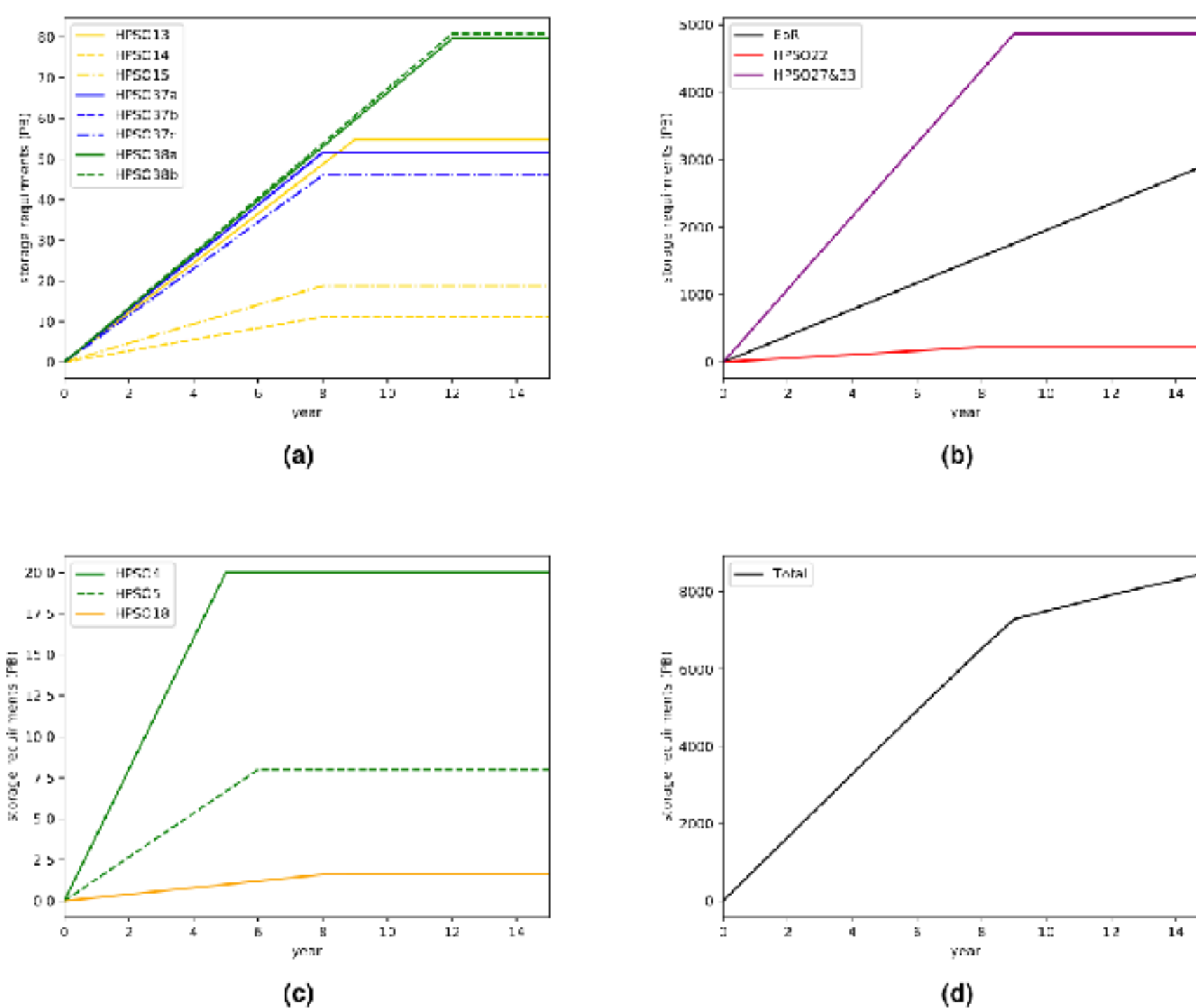


Figure 1: (a) Data storage requirements at SRCs for the HI and continuum HPSO. (b) Data storage requirements at SRCs for the EoR, magnetism and cradle of life HPSOs. (c) Data storage requirements at SRCs for the pulsars and transients HPSOs. (d) Data storage requirements at SRCs for all HPSOs.

Minimum storage needed to meet the needs of the HPSOs:

- **744 PB per year for the first 10 years of operation, and**
- **201 PB per year for the following 5 years**

The HPSO storage volume required by the SRC network is therefore **8.5 Exabytes over the course of 15 years**

Rate of production of advanced data products was determined using the AENEAS processing Use Cases and was determined to be **3:1 in volume** (output:input)

Also examined the **number** of data products expected as a function of time. Relevant for the choice of Data Management System (DMS)

Data Processing Requirements

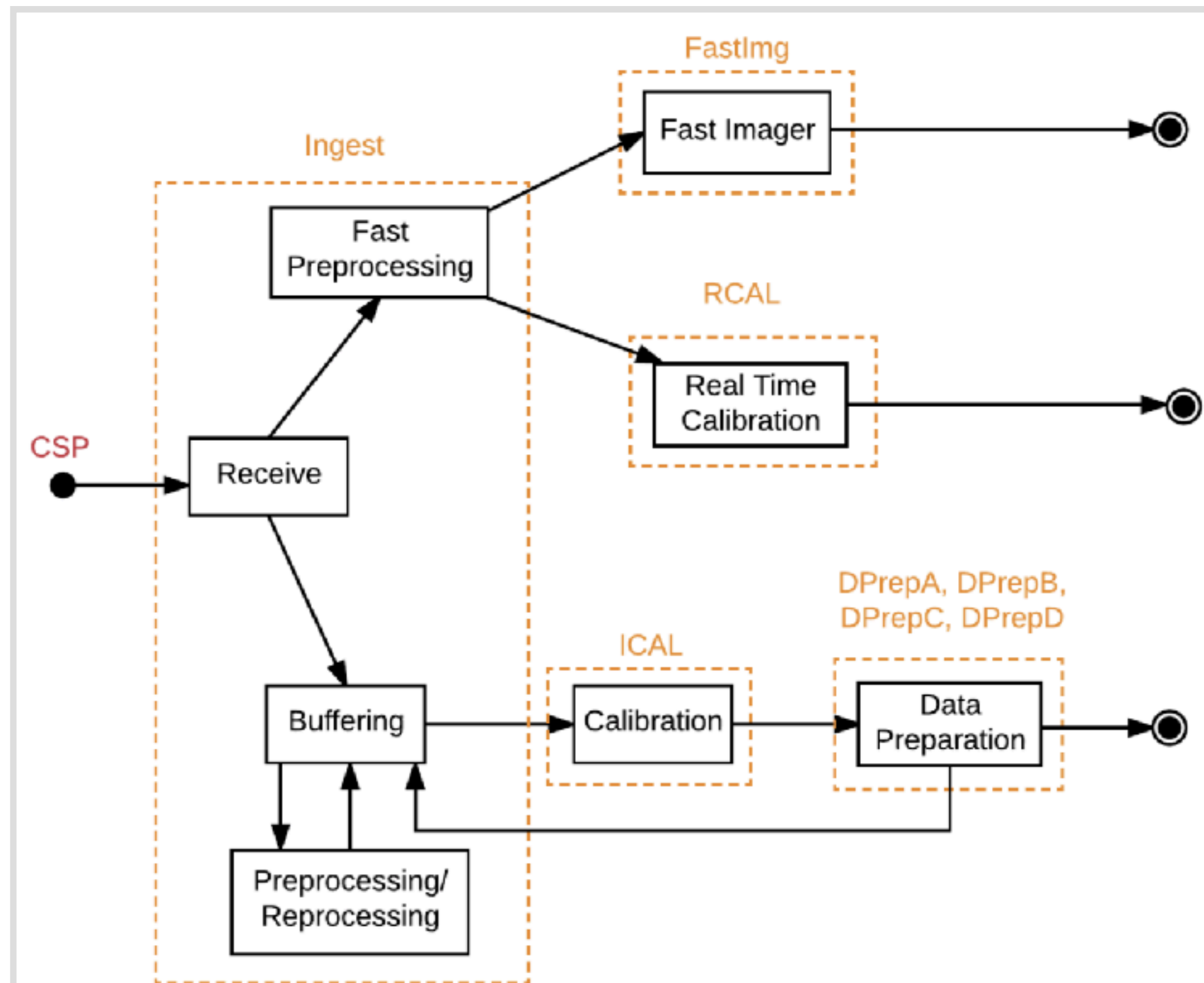


Figure 1: Overview of SDP pipelines [A07].

Minimum processing required to meet the needs of the HPSOs: **~26 PFlops**

This is subject to **strong** assumptions:

- Re-processing / post-processing is performed only **once** for each primary data product;
- That processing of SDP data products for all HPSOs is performed **at the same rate that they are ingested** into the SRCs

Software Infrastructure

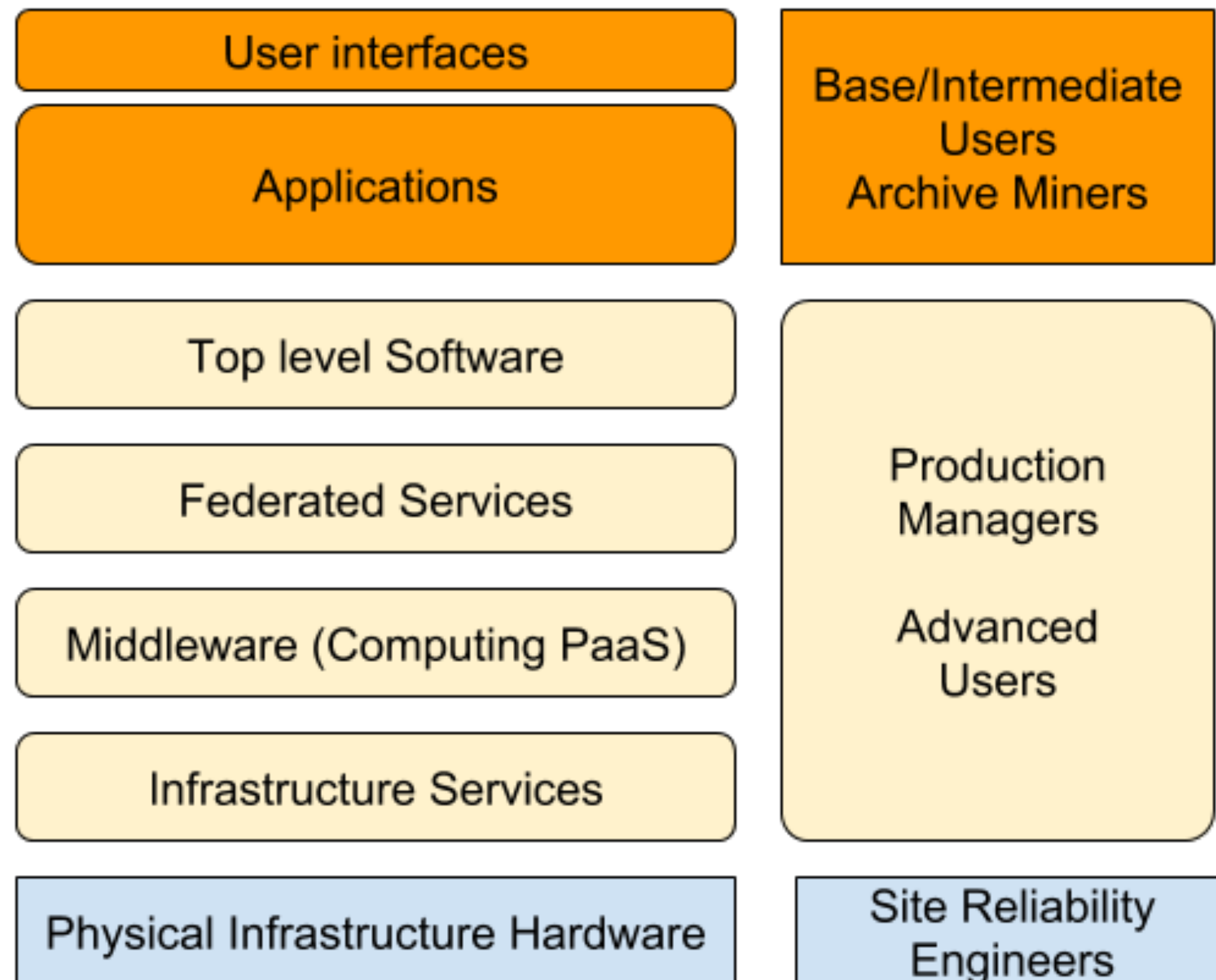


Figure 2.1: ESDC software stack and users' interaction.

- **Top-level Software** layer comprises all software components users interact with to model and run their distributed applications
- **Federated Services** layer consists of all the components expected to be provided by each site to support SRC federation
- **Middleware (or Computing/PaaS)** layer is the set of orchestration and support services necessary to support distributed compute workflows within SRC infrastructure
- **Infrastructure Service** layer includes basic services for setting up and maintaining a computing site infrastructure

Identified four categories of users: **basic**, **intermediate**, **advanced**, and **production managers**, and made an assessment of their requirements

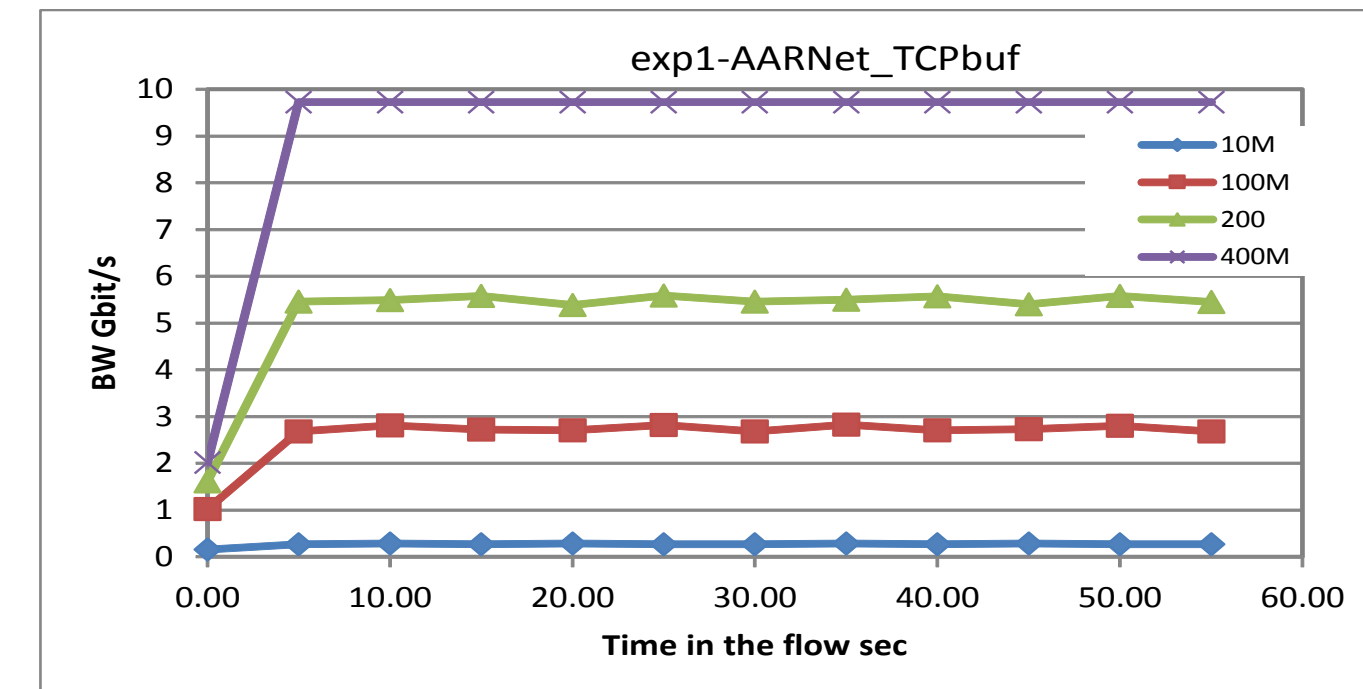
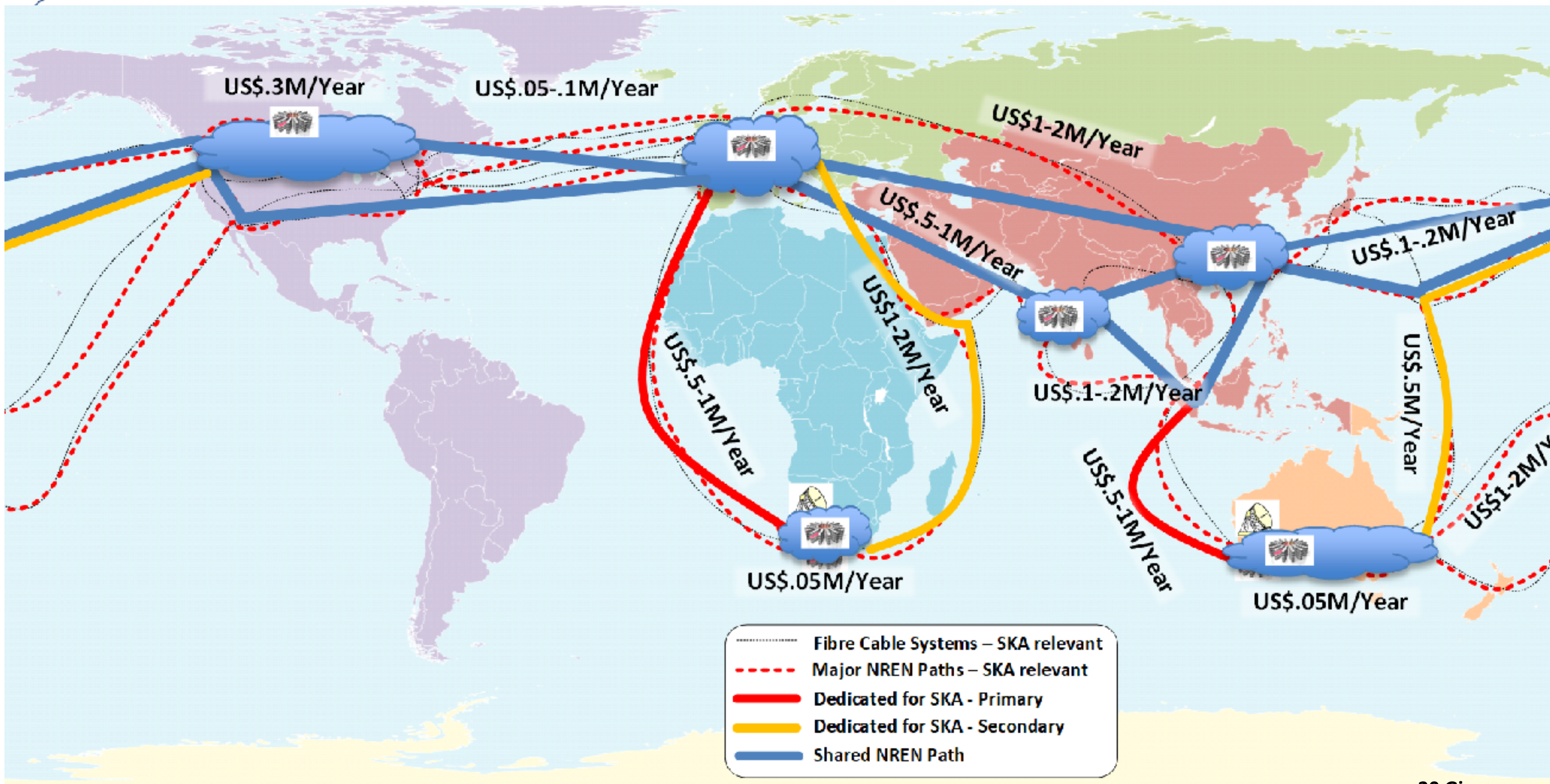


WP4: Data Transport and Optimal European Storage Topologies

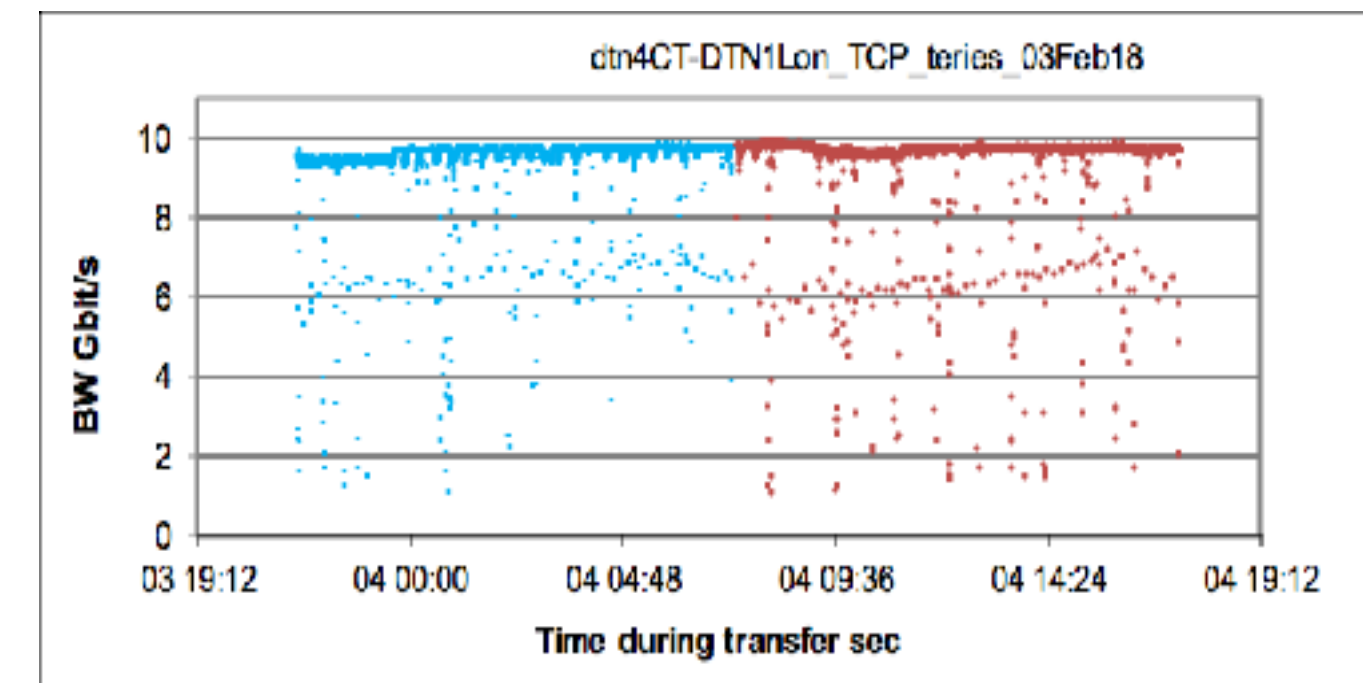
Richard Hughes-Jones

GEANT

Work package number	4	Lead beneficiary			GEANT LTD
Work package title	Analysis of Global SKA Data Transport and Optimal European Storage Topologies				
Participant number	2	4	5	6	8
Short name of participant	UMAN	INAF	Chalmers	GEANT LTD	Jülich
Person/months per participant:	6	1	20	22	9
Start month	1		End month	36	

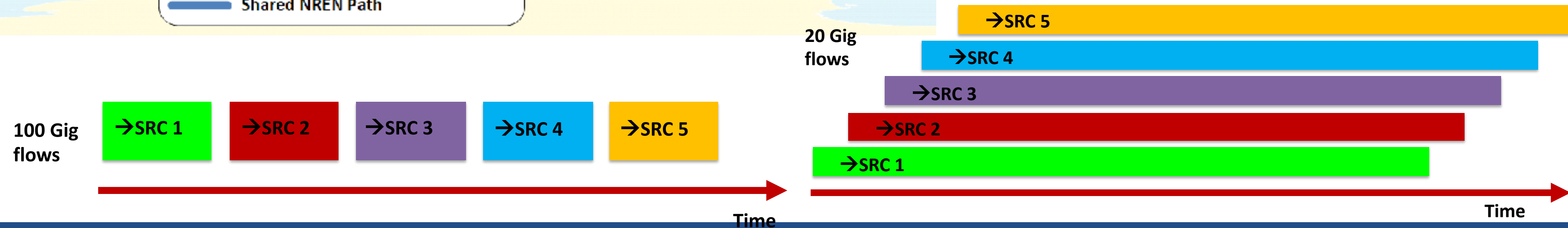


GÉANT London to AARNet Canberra



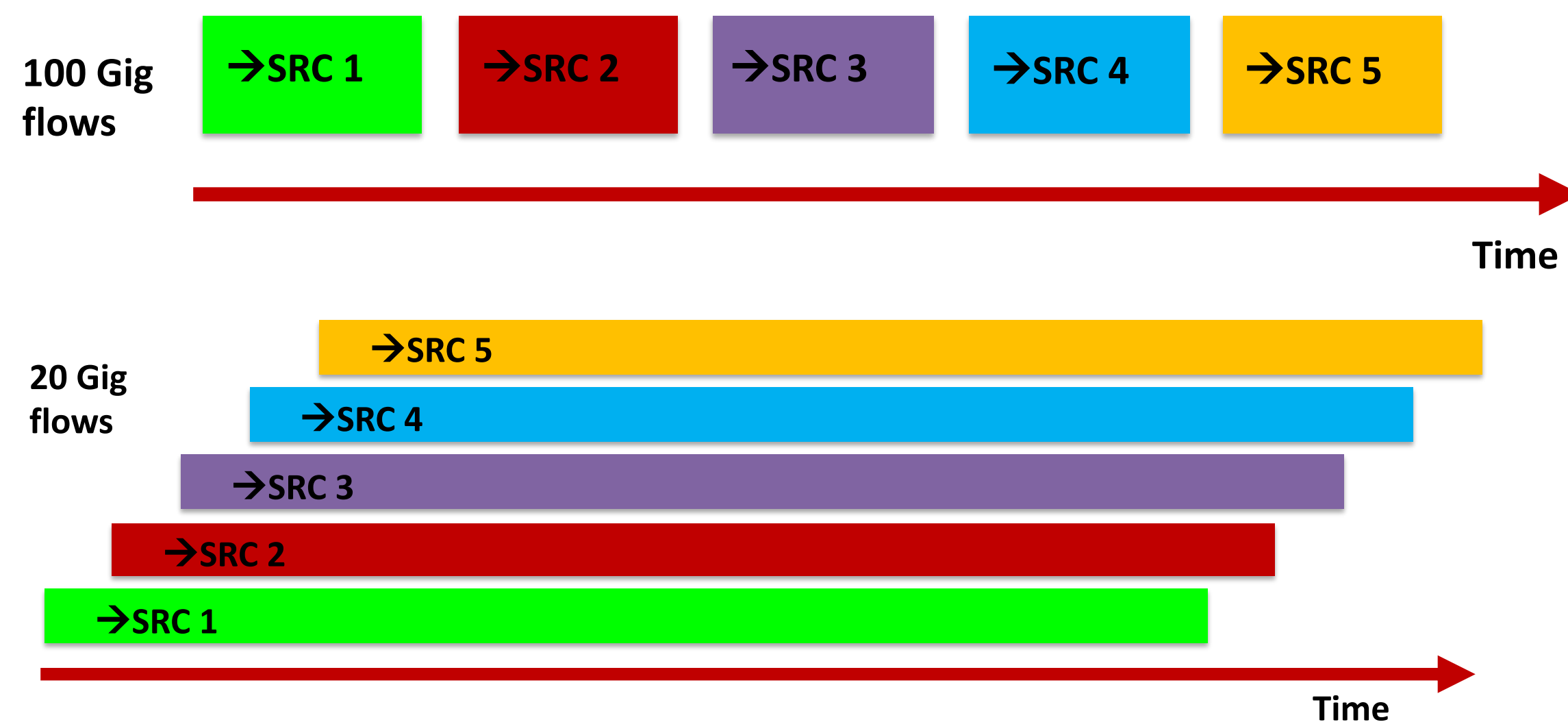
SANReN Cape Town to GÉANT London

What fraction of the SKA archive will we host in Europe?

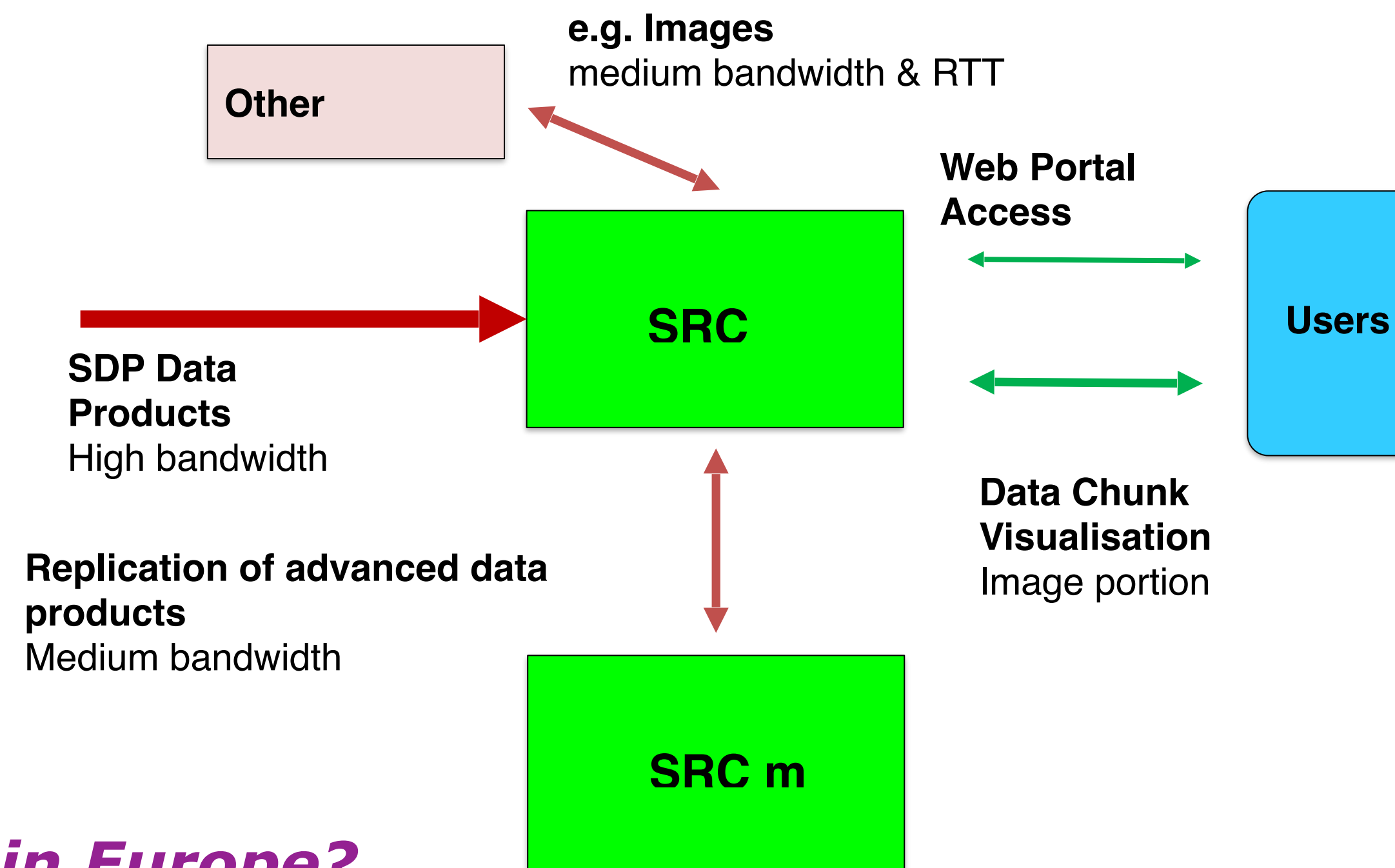


Models of Global SRC Data Flow

Distribution from Sites to SRC



Interactions between SRCs and



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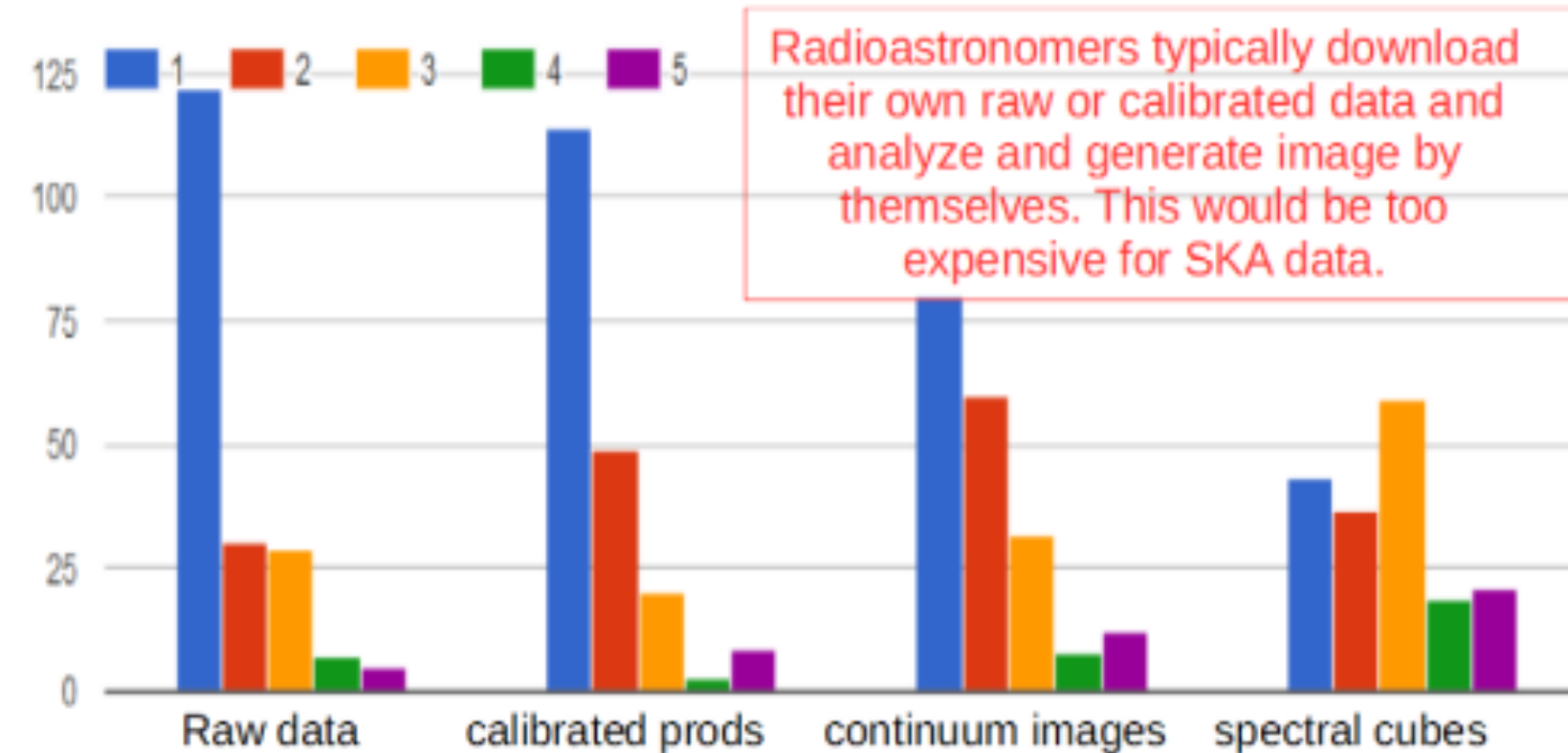
WP5: Data Access and Knowledge Creation

Marcella Massardi
INAF

Work package number						Lead beneficiary	INAF
Work package title	Access and Knowledge Creation						
Participant number	1	2	3	4	12	14	
Short name of participant	ASTRON	UMAN	UCAM	INAF	CSIC	CNRS	
Person/months per participant:	12	6	6	27	6	6	
Start month	1			End month	36		



What would user like to find in a facility archive (1=necessary, 5=useless)?

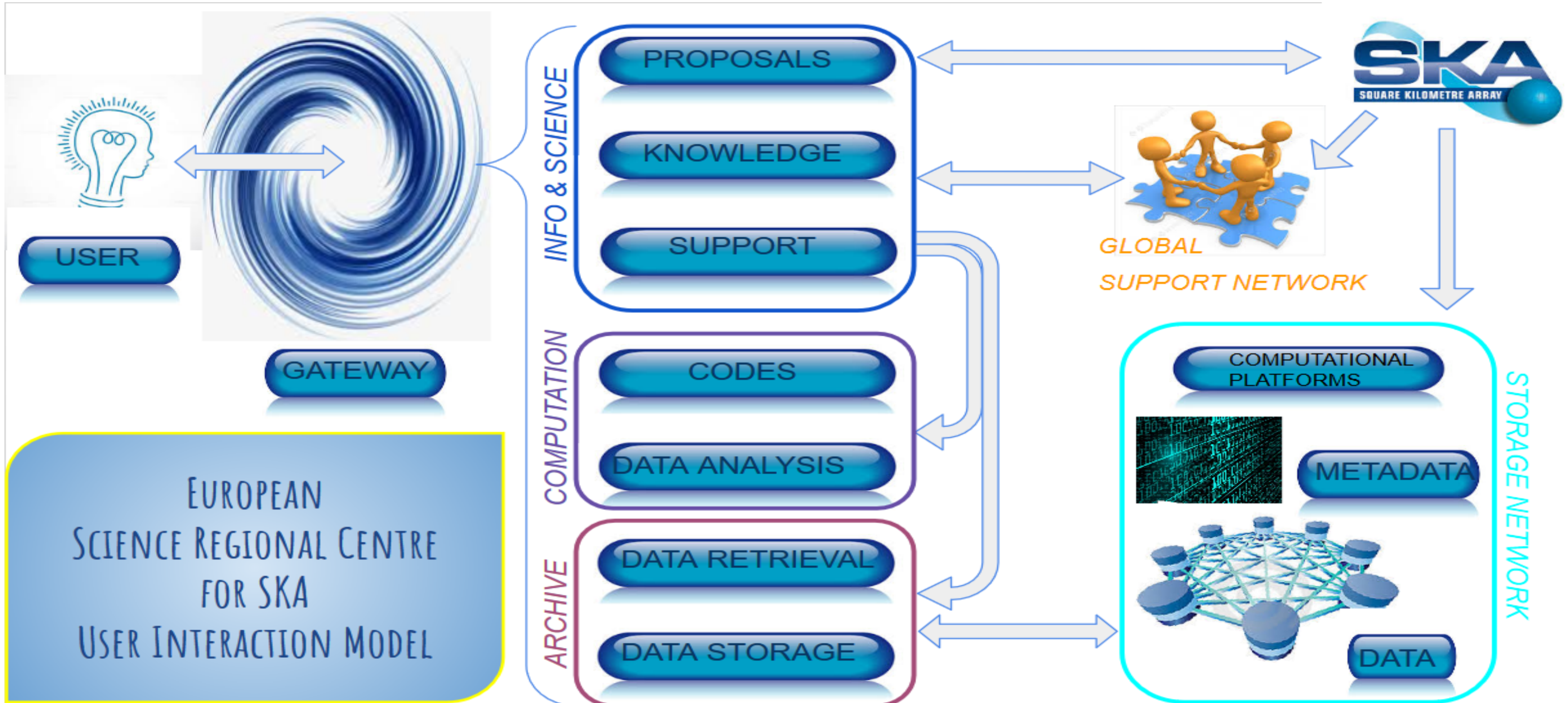


- 1) **System needs**
(goals towards user&tel)
- 2) **User definition**
(community/mentality)
- 3) **Services provided**
(duties/activities/policy/limitations)
- 4) **Accessibility**
(human interaction/interfaces)
- 5) **Resources**
(personnel/tools/infrastructures)

The ESRC is the interface, access the archive, offers the computation platform. It must be trustworthy and resilient. An efficient Regional Centre IS A RESOURCE FOR THE USERS

...suggesting new ideas

Learning from the past...



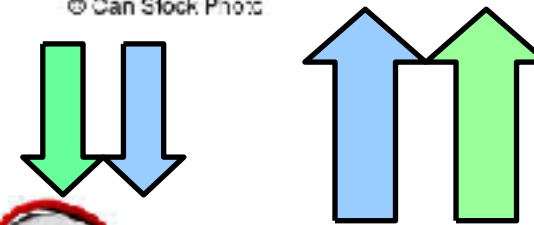
REQUEST FOR ADVANCED PRODUCTS

SRC resources should be assigned through dedicated calls

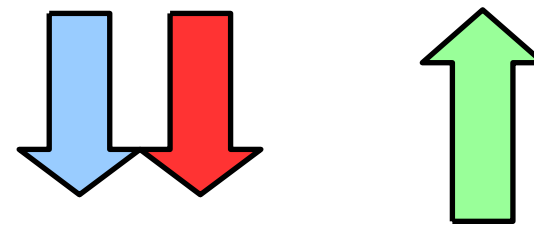
GENERAL
REQUEST



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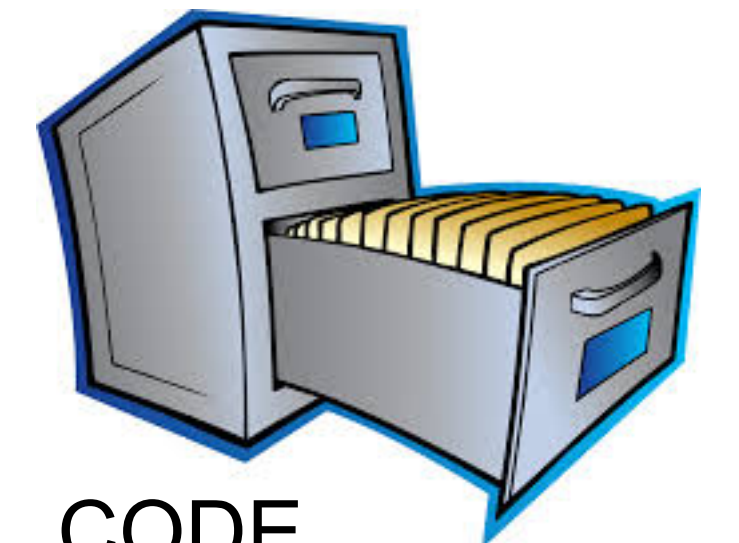


COMPUTATION

RESPONSIBLE



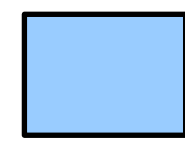

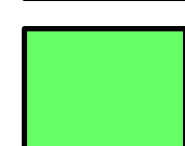

ADVANCED PRODUCT
REPOSITORY

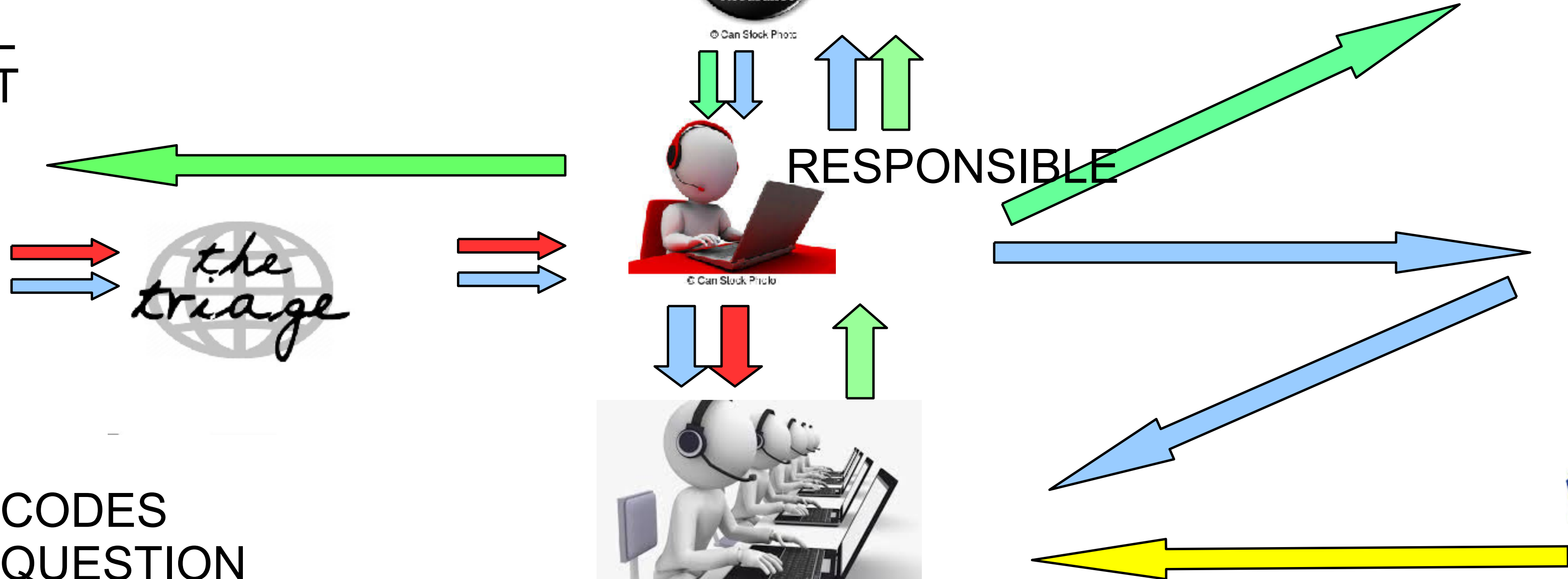


CODE
REPOSITORY

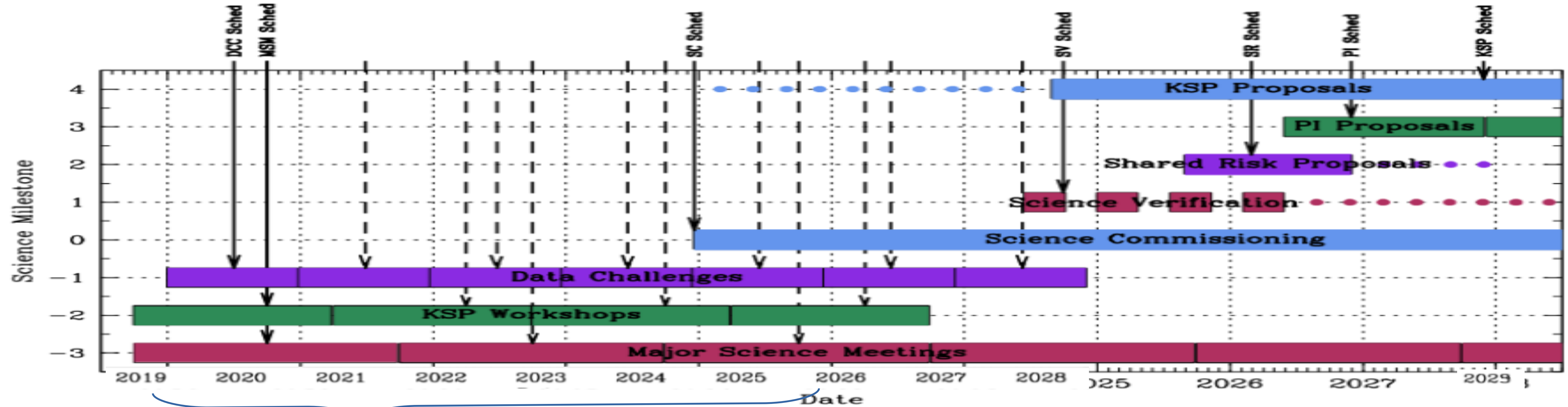


ARCHIVE

-  CODES
-  QUESTION
-  RESPONSE
-  DATA



A training plan for the SKA community



Cognitive

- acquiring the general overview and basic knowledge on the system capabilities (i.e. data structure and handling)
- building awareness on the gaps and issues

Practice

- dirty hands-on simulations, data from precursors and lately on SKA data
- test tools/interfaces and workflows

Active

- proposing as PIs
- mining the archive
- maintaining and distributing the knowledge

Training phases:



WP6: Services

Matthew Viljoen
EGI Foundation

Work package number	1	Lead beneficiary			EGI.eu
Work package title	Services				
Participant number	4	6	7	15	16
Short name of participant	INAF	GEANT LTD	EGI.eu	GRNET	FOM
Person/months per participant:	3	4	16	6	6
Start month	1		End month	36	

WP6 Objectives

Tasks	Project Objectives
<p>T6.1 Federated Authentication, Authorization Infrastructure (AAI) and Identity Provisioning (AAI) (<i>Lead: INAF</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of AAI Requirements • Recommendation of approaches and solutions • Proposal of a trust model
<p>T6.2 Interoperable Federated IT Service Management (ITSM) System (<i>Lead: EGI Foundation</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of existing structures and tools at national level and the relationship with SKA SRCs • Analysis of applicable standards/approaches of federated service management • Recommendation for an operational architecture and core FitSM processes
<p>T6.3 Federated ITSM Support Tools (<i>Lead: EGI Foundation</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation of tools to support Federated ITSM in the ESDC Network • Piloting of an integrated system of ITSM support tools in different e-Infrastructures supporting the ESDC network

T6.1 Federated AAI

- Collected AAI requirements from ESRC using input from different parts of project
- Recommended approach based on AARC Blueprint Architecture and trust model (D6.1)
- Ran a series of piloting activities
 - integration of collaboration tools with FedAAI
 - integration of community IdP with FedAAI
 - working with tools providers (e.g. Dirac) testing with RCauth & providing community requirements

T6.2 Interoperable Federated ITSM

- Proposed framework for designing and implementing a Service Portfolio for the ESDC and SKA (D6.2)
- Set up a sample ITSM framework for the project
- Recommendations for ITSM support processes (D6.4)

T6.3 Federated ITSM Support Tools

- Evaluation of suitable ITSM support tools including collaboration tools
- Lessons learned from setting up EOSC ‘federation of federation’ (EOSC-hub project)
- Final comprehensive recommendations of support tools and operational support structures suitable for federated EOSC (D6.4)



WP2: Governance Structure and Business Models

Michiel van Haarlem - ASTRON

John Conway - Onsala

Work package number	2		Lead beneficiary			ASTRON
Work package title	Development of ESDC Governance Structure and Business Models					
Participant number	1	2	3	4	5	6
Short name of participant	ASTRON	UMAN	UCAM	INAF	CHALMERS	GEANT LTD
Person/months per participant:	12	1	1	2	2	2
Participant number	7	28				
Short name of participant	EGI.eu	RDA				
Person/months per participant:	2	2				
Start month	1			End month	36	



WP2: ESDC Design & Governance



Survey of Potential Providers

- *Over 50 expressions of interest*
- *Mixture of scientific institutes, infrastructure providers, and industrial partners*
- *ESDC Requirements based on those developed by SRCCG*
- *Final deliverable: preliminary ESDC Design and Implementation Plan*
- *User input needed!*



Strategic Partnerships and Next Steps



Exascale Research
Infrastructure
For Data In Asia-Pacific
Astronomy
Using The SKA

CERN-SKA MoU



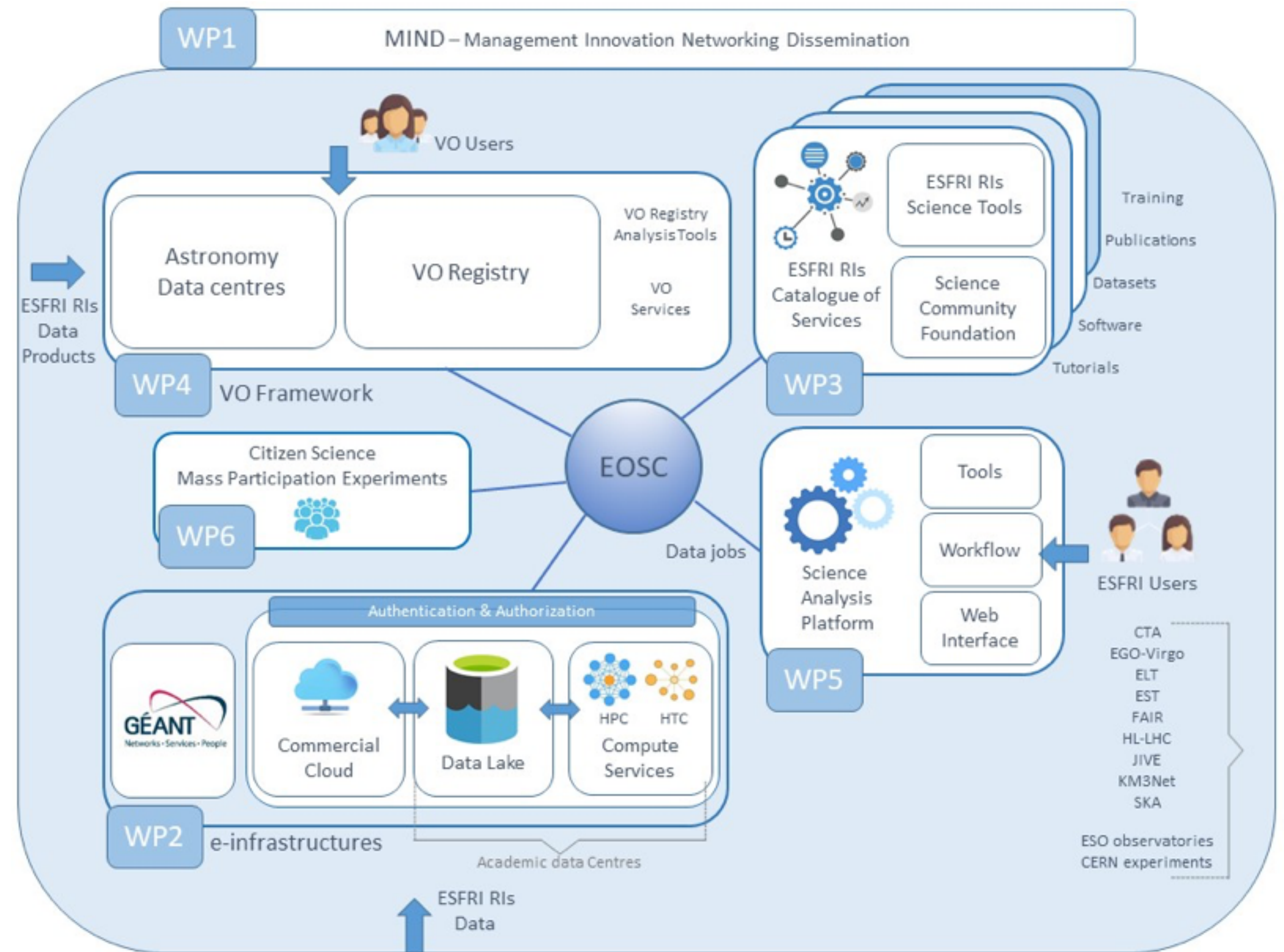


ESCAPE

European Science Cluster of Astronomy & Particle physics
ESFRI research infrastructures

- EC H2020 (16 M€, 2019-2023)
- Partners include SKA, CTA, KM3Net, EST, ELT, HL-LHC, FAIR, CERN, ESO, JIVE
- Led by CNRS, 32 different EU institutions
- ASTRON leading Science Platform WP
- Work kicks off in January 2019

ESCAPE aims to address the Open Science challenges shared by ESFRI facilities as well as other pan-European research infrastructures in astronomy and particle physics



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